## **CHAPTER NO. 1053**

## **HOUSE BILL NO. 3449**

## By Representatives Boner, Garrett

Substituted for: Senate Bill No. 3445

By Senators Haynes, Harper

AN ACT relative to natural disaster relief.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. (a) As used in the act:

- (1) "Natural disaster" means a disaster which has caused widespread devastation in an area and includes an area which has been declared by the Governor to be a disaster area.
- (2) "Private residential property" means the property of a person who qualifies for property tax relief under the provisions of §67-5-702, 67-5-703 or 67-5-704.
- (b) When a natural disaster occurs, a municipality or county shall have access to and may spend public funds to assist in cleaning up debris and fallen trees on private residential property if a request is made by the owner of the property for such assistance.
- (c) The municipality or county shall by ordinance or resolution, as appropriate, adopt a plan for providing assistance for natural disaster relief to private residential property authorized by this act.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

**PASSED: May 1, 1998** 

JOHN S. WILDER SPEAKER OF THE SENATE

APPROVED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1998